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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clark County

In June 2010 the X-Ray Technician Program suspended the credential of **Marci L. Evans** (XRAY.XT.00006588). Evans failed to comply with a previous stipulation.

In June 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Michelle L. Moore** (NAC.NC.10069541). Moore was convicted of one count of third degree assault and one count of second degree assault in 2009.

In June 2010 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Dale R. Schell** (RN.RN.00061815). Schell voluntarily surrendered his license to practice nursing in Oregon as a resolution of disciplinary action.

Cowlitz County

In June 2010 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Teresa L. Waldo** (RN.RN.00098008). Waldo's license to practice nursing in Arizona was revoked.

Douglas County

In May 2010 the Registered Counselor Program suspended the credential of **Lori L. Thompson** (RC.RC.00057914). Thompson failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her credential.

Franklin County

In June 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program suspended the credential of **Diane M. Hunter** (CDP.CP.00004291). Hunter took a scheduling book and multiple confidential client files from one agency to another without proper authorization, and kept them in an unsecured file cabinet.

King County

In May 2010 the Registered Counselor Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Tara L. Brinson** (RC.RC.00053951). Brinson failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her credential.

In June 2010 the Registered Counselor Program suspended the credential of **Taylor Danard** (RC.RC.00013399). Danard purchased a diploma from a diploma mill, misrepresented her education and training to clients, and identified herself as a doctor of psychology on disclosure information she provided to clients. She also provided false or misleading information to department investigators.

In June 2010 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Lynanne Haddix** (RN.RN.00125882). Haddix failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her credential.

In June 2010 the Veterinary Board of Governors suspended the license of veterinarian **Keith D. Norton** (VET.VT.00003742). Norton failed to maintain adequate patient records for a dog that he kenneled. Norton also failed to keep the facility clean and orderly, failed to keep controlled substances in a locked cabinet, and failed to maintain a separate sanitary room used exclusively for surgeries.

In June 2010 the Registered Counselor Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Beth L. Ragsdale Roth** (RC.RC.60062234). Roth failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her credential.

In June 2010 the Dental Commission withdrew the statement of charges against the dental and general anesthesia credentials of **Andrew George Tolas** (DENT.DE.00003305, DEAP.GA.10000117).

In May 2010 the Medical Commission summarily suspended the license of physician **William J. Washington** (MD00046967). Washington's license to practice medicine in Ohio was revoked by

the Ohio state medical board for drug abuse; the board concluded his ability to practice medicine was impaired. He remains prohibited from practicing in that state.

Kitsap County

In June 2010 the Secretary of Health suspended the health care assistant and certified nursing assistant credentials of **Gabrielle T. Valdez** (HCA.HC.00153071, NAC.NC10096429). Valdez failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her credentials.

In June 2010 the Registered Counselor Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Dawn M. Wilson** (RC.RC.00058553). Wilson failed to comply with a previous order.

Pierce County

In June 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Trainee Program indefinitely suspended the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee **Uriah T. Hill** (CDPT.CO.60113797). Hill failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against his credential.

In June 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Lillian M. Kroll** (HCA.HC.00154174). Kroll's nursing assistant credential was suspended in 2009.

In June 2010 the Medical Commission revoked the license of physician **Manuel P. Posadas** (MD00021612). Posadas failed to comply with a previous order.

In June 2010 the Pharmacy Board indefinitely suspended the credential of pharmacy technician **Osmack C. Ly** (PTEC.VA.00046334). Ly diverted more than 24,000 tablets of Norco, a controlled substance, from her former employer.

Skagit County

In June 2010 the Medical Commission withdrew the statement of charges with prejudice against physician **Marcus E. Kuypers** (MD00019561).

Snohomish County

In June 2010 the Pharmacy Board revoked the credential of pharmacy assistant **Lonnie L. Hunt** (PHAA.VB.00047003). Hunt diverted Vicodin from her place of employment in 2008.

In June 2010 the Medical Commission vacates the Nov. 20, 2006 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Order and withdraws the Oct. 12, 2005 Statement of Charges against physician **Martha G. Panitch** (MD00030175). Panitch's license to practice as a physician and surgeon in Washington is unrestricted.

Spokane County

In June 2010 the Pharmacy Board indefinitely suspended the license of pharmacist **Brian V. Anderson** (PHRM.PH.00018189). Anderson's license to practice as a pharmacist in Idaho was revoked for non-compliance with an order.

In June 2010 the Registered Counselor Program dismissed charges against **Ricky Rorie** (RC.RC.60074029).

In June 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program entered into an agreed order to indefinitely suspend the credential of **George P. Sessions** (NAR.NA.60116696). Sessions was convicted of violation of the Georgia Controlled Substances Act — possession of cocaine in 2008.

Yakima County

In June 2010 the Medical Commission withdrew the statement of charges with prejudice against physician **Tekchand Tanwani** (MD00035377).

Out of State

Maine: In June 2010 the Medical Commission lifted the license suspension of physician **Michael W. Blab** (MD00032607). Blab's license to practice medicine in Washington is unrestricted.

North Carolina: In June 2010 the Nursing Commission suspended the license of licensed practical nurse **Joni S. Pyle** (LPN.LP.00040615). Pyle agreed to a suspension of her nursing license in North Carolina; it remains suspended.

North Carolina: In June 2010 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Lea W. Thompson** (RN.RN.00158365). Thompson's license to practice nursing in Oregon was indefinitely suspended.

Ohio: In May 2010 the Medical Commission entered into an agreed order to lift the suspension against the license of physician **Janet E. Despot** (MD60051240). Despot's license to practice medicine in Washington is placed on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license. Despot's license to practice in Illinois was suspended for a conviction of illegal Medicare Balance Billing in 2009.

Oregon: In June 2010 the Dental Commission entered into an agreed order to indefinitely suspend the dental and general anesthesia credentials of **Thomas L. Haymore** (DE00010293, GA10000413). Haymore was convicted of third degree assault, fourth degree assault, recklessly endangering another, and driving under the influence in Oregon in 2007. He is prohibited from practicing dentistry in Oregon.

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